

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION**

MARTHA WRIGHT,)
v.)
)
UPPER CUMBERLAND ELECTRIC)
MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION)
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O R D E R

Pending before the Court is a Joint Motion to Continue and Reschedule Trial (Docket No. 27).

The motion is GRANTED in part. The jury trial scheduled for October 28, 2014, is hereby rescheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m (set in Cookeville, Tennessee). The final pretrial conference scheduled for September 29, 2014, is hereby rescheduled for October 27, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. (set in Nashville, Tennessee). All lawyers who will participate in the trial must attend the Final Pretrial Conference.

Counsel shall submit a Joint Proposed Pretrial Order to the Court by **Wednesday, October 22, 2014**. The Pretrial Order shall contain: (1) a recitation that the pleadings are amended to conform to the Pretrial Order and that the Pretrial Order supplants the pleadings; (2) a statement of the basis for jurisdiction in this Court; (3) a short summary of the Plaintiff's theory (no more than one page); (4) a short summary of the Defendant's theory (no more than one page); (5) a statement of the issues, including a designation of which issues are for the jury and which are for the Court; (6) a succinct statement of the relief sought; (7) a summary of any anticipated evidentiary disputes; and (8) an estimate of the anticipated length of the trial.

The parties shall also submit to the Court by Wednesday, October 22, 2014, the following:

- (1) joint proposed jury instructions and verdict forms as follows:

Counsel shall exchange proposed jury instructions on the substantive law of this specific case and proposed verdict forms and confer to reach agreement. Thereafter, counsel shall jointly prepare and file a set of agreed proposed case specific jury instructions and verdict forms. Each proposed jury instruction shall begin on a new page and shall include citations to supporting authorities. Counsel shall separately file any disputed jury instructions or verdict forms only after making a good faith effort to prepare a jointly agreed upon instruction.

Certain standard, non-case specific jury instructions generally used by the Court are available on the Court's website:
http://www.tnmd.uscourts.gov/judge_sharp.

- (2) witness lists in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3);
- (3) exhibit lists in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3); and
- (4) stipulations.

By **Monday, October 13, 2014**, the parties shall file any motions in limine and any motions objecting to expert testimony. Any responses to such motions shall be filed by **Wednesday, October 22, 2014**.

Expert witness disclosures shall be made timely in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) or as otherwise ordered by the Court. Expert witness disclosure statements shall not be supplemented after the applicable disclosure deadline, absent leave of Court. No expert witness shall testify beyond the scope of his or her expert witness disclosure statement. The Court may exclude the testimony of an expert witness, or order other sanctions, for violation of expert witness disclosure requirements or deadlines. There shall be no rebuttal expert witnesses, absent leave of Court.

Responses to interrogatories, requests for production and requests for admissions shall be supplemented timely, if necessary, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e) no later than thirty (30) days before trial, absent leave of Court. The Court may exclude evidence, or order other sanctions, for violation of a duty or deadline to supplement discovery responses.

By **Wednesday, October 22, 2014**, the parties shall file briefs on the types of damages recoverable for each cause of action, supported by legal authority, and, for each type of damages, whether the amount is determined by the Court or the jury. Additionally, Plaintiff shall provide a detailed breakout of all damages requested.

At the Final Pretrial Conference, counsel shall be prepared to:

- (1) discuss proposed jury instructions and verdict forms;
- (2) identify and discuss undisputed facts and issues;
- (3) discuss the status of discovery;
- (4) preview proposed testimony;
- (5) discuss expert testimony;
- (6) preview proposed exhibits;
- (7) discuss motions in limine;
- (8) discuss pretrial briefs; and
- (9) discuss settlement.

Pre-trial briefs shall be filed seven (7) working days prior to trial.

There shall be no motions to continue filed after the date of the Final Pretrial Conference absent extraordinary circumstances. If a settlement is reached after jurors have been summoned, resulting in the non-utilization of the jurors, the costs of summoning the jurors may be taxed to

the parties.

It is so ORDERED.

Kevin H. Sharp
KEVIN H. SHARP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE